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AFRL Rome awards SBIR contract to DeWitt firm

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ROME, N.Y. — The Air Force Research Laboratory's Information Directorate has awarded a \$99,475 contract to Sensis Corporation of DeWitt.

The nine-month agreement, "Gateway Interface for C4ISR Platforms and Their Assets," was awarded under the federal Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) program.

"Sensis engineers will design and build software to enable various legacy systems to quickly and securely join and participate in a Joint Battlespace Infosphere (JBI)," said 1st Lt. Timothy A. Frey, program manager in the directorate's Information Systems Division. "This contract enables Sensis to conduct a feasibility analysis and capability analysis of their proposed approach."

JBI is envisioned as a global computer "system of systems."

Once built, it will facilitate real-time management of combat information. JBI will allow military leaders to access the most current and accurate information needed to make quick decisions during a crisis or conflict.

The Small Business Innovation Research program funds early-stage research and development at small, high-technology companies. It is designed to stimulate technological innovation; increase private sector commercialization of federal research and development; increase small business participation in federally funded research and development; and to foster participation by minority and disadvantaged firms in technological innovation.

To participate in the SBIR program, a firm must be a U.S. for-profit small business of 500 or fewer employees and the work must be performed in this country. @